

ST. CLAIR COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Monday, April 12, 2021 – Goodells County Park

1) ROLL CALL

Present: Jacqui Rabine, Kim Hetzel, Tom Vincent, Tim Warchuck, Linea Burch, Donna Wojtysiak, Alan Thueme, Liz Pennazoli, Mike Tomasek, Chris Ruemenapp, Collen Provost, Bob Clogg, Linda Taylor, Bernie Dudek, Mark Pedersen.

Excused: Kent Renn, Rob Usakowski.

Absent: Nate Havens, Scott Hill.

Guests: Barn Hahn and Megan Tomasek.

2) AGENDA

A motion was made by M. Tomasek, supported by A. Thueme to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried.

3) SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion was made by J. Rabine, supported by A. Thueme to approve the March 8, 2021 minutes as submitted.

Motion carried.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

5) HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Barb Hahn asked if we would consider changing the dog show to 4 show and run them like a show and go instead of 1 big event. A small show takes as long as a long show. No evidence kids are training their dogs in classes this year. Would do a show and keep 1st place winners for an overall grand and reserve.

Horse project did a Google survey and as of today there's indications there will be about 100 horses. Discussion held regarding EMHA show requirements versus fair requirements on space between horse stalls. There are 140 stalls in the horse barns.

6) FAIR OFFICE REPORT – None.

7) MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION – None.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) AG EDUCATION – None.

B) AWARDS – Bernie Dudek contacted Regalia and ordered the tiara and sashes for 2021. Need swine banners since we didn't do award banners this year.

C) CRATER – Committee will meet in May or June to finalize everything.

D) ENTERTAINMENT – Not planning an entertainment tent this year. Word back from Ben Risney is if we don't have a full fair he won't do the percentage on the wood carvings, but

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would like to be paid a flat rate. C. Ruemenapp will contact Animal Oasis and have them bring their set up as opposed to using the petting farm tent.

- E) LIVESTOCK – Plan to use the tent behind community building for the livestock dinner which would be considered outside.
 - F) PUBLICITY – No report. Need to decide on admissions and the size fair we're going to have. Agreement that those decisions will be made at the May meeting.
 - G) SPONSORSHIP – No report.
 - H) SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS – Discussion held about requirement that exhibitors put up fencing instead of paying the school kids to do it this year since school attendance currently is virtual. Most fairs require exhibitors to do some sort of service to the fair.
 - I) STILL EXHIBITS – Committee will need to meet, but the current plan is to have no live interviews, but just a drop off of exhibits and private judging, displaying exhibits with awards.
 - J) PARKS AND RECREATION – Have R. Usakowski check to see that we have a contract with Parks for 2021. Need to know if it's time to make payment.
- 9) OLD BUSINESS – None.
- 10) NEW BUSINESS
We will decide at the May meeting exactly what our plan is for the fair this year, size and scope of entertainment based on what's allowed at that time, or projections for July.
- 11) ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by A. Thueme, supported by L. Pennazoli to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Chris Ruemenapp, Secretary